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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS: JOINT STATEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 45629, (B) LAGOS 1094, (C) STATE 10271

1. EMBASSY HAS SUIZ COPIES OF FINAL VERSION IN JOINT STATEMENT  
(IN FORM OF PROCES-VERBAL CITED IN REF A AND OF RELATED

DIPLOMATIC NOTECITING DIFFERENCES IN TEXT TO AF/W OTT. BOTH  
DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT AF/W NIGERIA DESK.

2. AS REPORTED IN REF B, EMBASSY AT FIRST RECEIVED VERBAL  
ACCEPTANCE OF OUR RECOMMENDED CHANGES FROM FMG OFFICIALS. OUR

REQUESTS WERE CONVEYED VERBALLY DURING PERSONAL VISITS TO JODA

AND NYA, IN LETTERS FROM THE EMBASSY, AND IN LETTERS WRITTEN  
BY THE MEA ON OUR BEHALF. WHILE THE TWO OFFICERS IN QUESTION  
AT FIRST TENTATIVELY ACQUIESCED, THEY LATER FAILED TO COMPLY.  
REALIZING THAT LENGTHY PROCESS WOULD ENSUE AND THAT OUTCOME

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WAS DUBIOUS, EMBASSY CONCLUDED THAT BEST PROCEDURE WAS TO  
SUBMIT DIPLOMATIC NOTE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN REF C. THIS  
APPROACH ALSO FAVORED BY MEA. NOTE WAS DELIVERED FEBRUARY 15  
WITH FOLLOWING TEXT: 'COMPLIMENTARY OPENING ... AND HAS  
THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT  
CAN ACCEPT THE TEXT OF THE PROCES-VERBAL ON THE DISCUSSIONS  
BETWEEN THE NIGERIAN-AMERICAN TEAMS OF OFFICIALS IN LAGOS,

NOVEMBER 7-9, 1977, AS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL MILITARY

GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO THE MINISTRY'S ATTENTION TWO SECTIONS OF THE TEXT WHICH OMIT DETAILS WE BELIEVE WORTHY OF MENTION. PARAGRAPH THE U.S. DELEGATION RECALLS THAT IN ITS MEETING WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY JODA OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, MR. JODA AGREED THAT HIS MINISTRY COULD EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL OF INSURANCE APPLICATIONS AND REDUCE PROCESSING TIME TO LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS. WE REALIZE THAT HE REFERRED ONLY TO THE PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH THE APPLICATIONS WERE WITHIN HIS MINISTRY, BUT HIS WORDS REPRESENT A PALPABLE STATEMENT OF COOPERATION WHICH WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE RECORDED. SIMILARLY, THE U.S. DELEGATION RECALLS THAT PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NYA OF THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AGREED TO REVIEW RESTRICTIONS AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS IN U.S.-NIGERIAN TRADE. THE U.S. DELEGATION ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THESE STATEMENTS AT THE TIME, AND HOPES THAT THEY CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE POSITION OF THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.'

3. IN BOTH CASES THE PERTINENT NIGERIAN OFFICIALS HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE POLICY CHANGES ARE INVOLVED. JODA SIMPLY POINTS OUT THAT THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING AT THE NOVEMBER 7 MEETING IN HIS MINISTRY. THE FOUR-WEEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERIOD REFERS ONLY TO THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION PASSING THROUGH HIS MINISTRY. HE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THE ENTIRE PROCESS DURING WHICH THE APPLICATION IS WITH THE FMG WOULD BE LIMITED TO FOUR WEEKS. NYA HAS STATED THAT THE WORD 'REVIEW' CONVEYS THE WRONG CONNOTATION, A MORE APT WORD BEING 'REEXAMINE'. IN THE END, HOWEVER, HE WAS RELUCTANT TO MAKE CHANGES IN A DOCUMENT THAT ALREADY HAD THE STAMP OF APPROVAL FROM OTHER MINISTRIES IN THE CABINET. EASU.

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